PROCEEDINGS

of

THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

THIRD ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION—1946/1121.

SECOND MEETING.

Wednesday the 6th February 1946/24th Makaram 1121.

The House reassembled in the Legislative Chamber of the Public Offices at 11 of the Clock with the Dewan President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the rolls:—

1. Mr. T. K. Gopalan Nair (*Secretary to Government*):
2. ,, C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government*)
3. Dr. S. John (*Surgeon-General*).
4. Mr. V. S. Arumukhom Pillai (*Textile Commissioner*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Village Unions.

572 ❋ MR. K. M. PAUL (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Village Unions that were functioning in the State at the end of 1120 ;

(*b*) the number of such Unions formed in 1121 ;

(*c*) the total receipt and expenditure of the Koothattukulam Village Union for the year 1120 ;

(*d*) the separate items under which the expenses of the Koothattukulam Village Union have been met for the year 1120 ; and

(*e*) the amount, if any, standing to the credit of the said Union at the end of Vrischigom 1121 ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 39.

(*b*) 8 Unions have been sanctioned to be created in 1121.

(*c*) Receipts Rs. 1,897-27-12.

Expenditure Rs. 177-14-1.

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[Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker.]

(*d*)	Allowance to Clerk	Rs. 24-0-0
	do. to Proverthicar	Rs. 24-0-0
	Pay & W. A. to Peon	Rs. 104-0-0
	Stationery & Printing	Rs. 22-8-1
	T. A.	Rs. 3-6-0
		Rs. 177-14-1

(*e*) Rs. 3,372-7-15.

MR. K. M. PAUL: With reference to part (*b*) of the question, may I know from the honourable member how many, out of the eight Village Unions that have been sanctioned to be created in 1121, have begun to function this year?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Having only been sanctioned quite recently, they have not started work.

MR. K. M. PAUL: With reference to part (*d*), regarding the Koothattukulam Village Union, may I know whether there is any arrangement for street lighting and scavenging?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The Village Union has not moved in the matter yet.

MR. K. M. PAUL: Out of the Rs. 177-14-1 stated to have been spent by that Union, may I know how much has been spent for the benefit of the people of the locality?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Before the Union starts working, it should have some staff and the expenditure incurred so far has been on account of the staff.

MR. K. M. PAUL: What are the functions of the staff?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: To frame bye-laws, to prepare estimates and to find out the needs of the locality etc.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I know who is responsible for the collections of these Unions?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The Village Unions themselves.

MR. K. M. PAUL: Who is the Officer concerned?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The collecting agency is the Proverthicar.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I know from the Government how they propose to spend the amount that has accrued to the credit of the Union so far?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Government have absolutely no hand in the Village Unions' administration. These matters are left to the Village Union Council.

MR. K. M. PAUL: Is there any council functioning in the Unions at present?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, certainly.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*): May I know from the Government in how many Unions members were elected?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: In almost all of them now.

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MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnathunad* cum *Parur*): May I know how many applications were received in 1121 for fresh Village Unions?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: As far as I know all the applications that have been received have been sanctioned.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY (*Nominated*): വില്ലേജ് യൂണിയൻ അനുവദിക്കുന്നതിന് അംഗീകരിക്കാവുള്ള പൊതു തത്വം എന്താണെന്നു പറയാൻ മയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: അതാതു സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലുള്ള പൊതു ജനങ്ങളുടെ ആവശ്യമനുസരിച്ച് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി റിപ്പോർട്ട് വരുത്തിയതിനുശേഷം വില്ലേജ് യൂണിയൻ വേണമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെട്ടാൽ അനുവദിക്കുന്നതാണു.

MR. T. K NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): On a point of elucidation, Sir. The Secretary to Government stated that there is to be an investigation by the staff. Am I then to understand that these Village Unions were sanctioned before any investigation were made?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No. I said this staff would enquire into the needs of the locality, would prepare the programme for the year etc.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: So I am to understand, I suppose, that due investigations have previously been made when these Village Unions were sanctioned?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, it is so.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the member why almost the entire collection for 1120 remains unexpended?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The only explanation that could be given is that the Village Union has not been as active as it should have been.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know who the President was?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I am not aware of that.

Street lights in Thalayazham Village Union.

573. * MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a resolution to the effect that street lights be arranged within the limits of the Thalayazham (Vaikom) Village Union has been passed; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by Government on this?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Nine street lights have been installed in the Union area.

Works by certain Village Unions.

571. * MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the works conducted so far by (1) the Varkala Village Union and (2) the Kadakavoor Village Union?

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